

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A vibration roller ~~which has~~
comprising:

an operating portion;

a travel lever on ~~an~~ the operating portion ~~operating for~~
5 controlling forward, neutral, and reverse operation of the
roller; ~~and~~

a safety switch for preventing an operator from being caught
between the roller and an obstacle when moving backward;

a travel switching device; and

10 a safety device ~~of the roller~~ including:

a operation cable connecting the travel lever and ~~[[a]]~~
the travel switching device,

wherein the operation cable includes a bendable outer tube
having wherein a front end and a back end, and the front end of
15 the of an outer tube ~~of the operation cable are~~ is supported on a
side of the travel lever and the back end of the outer tube is
supported on a side of the travel switching device ~~respectively~~
~~under a condition that the outer tube is bent,~~ the back end of
the outer tube ~~is~~ being locked in front of the travel lever while
20 the safety switch is not activated, and the back end of the outer
tube ~~is~~ being released and extended ~~to~~ in a direction of the
travel lever when the safety switch is activated.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~safety device of the~~ roller as claimed in claim 1, ~~in which further comprising~~ a locking mechanism which locks the back end of the outer tube into the operating portion, wherein the locking mechanism comprises:

5 a turning plate ~~, wherein having~~ a bottom ~~of which is~~ fixed axially in a front part in the operating portion so as to be pivotable forward and backward ~~for~~ of the roller;

an oscillating plate fixed axially on both sides of a top of the turning plate under a condition that the back end of the
10 outer tube is pivotaly supported ~~so as to be pivotable~~; and

a cam for locking the turning plate in a locking position.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~safety device of the~~ roller as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cam of the locking mechanism is provided at a front end of the safety switch, a bottom of the cam is pulled backward by forces of a spring when the safety switch
5 is not activated, and a top of the cam pushes and locks the turning plate for preventing the turning plate from turning ~~to~~ in a direction of the travel lever.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~safety device of the~~ roller as claimed in claim 3, wherein an inclined concave-portion is provided on a back side of the turning plate contacted by the cam provided at the front end of the safety switch so that the

5 turning plate can turn in a proper angle ~~with~~ while touching the cam when a lock of the back end of the outer tube is released by turning of the turning plate.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~safety device of the~~ roller as claimed in claim 2, wherein an inclined concave-portion is provided on a back side of the turning plate contacted by the cam provided at the front end of the safety switch so that the
5 turning plate can turn in a proper angle ~~with~~ while touching the cam when a lock of the back end of the outer tube is released by turning of the turning plate.

6. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operation cable includes an inner wire, and the outer tube is arranged around the inner wire.

7. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 6, wherein the outer tube is arranged to bend relative to the inner wire such that when the back end of the outer tube is extended upon activation of the safety device, the inner wire expands in a
5 direction of the travel switching device to cause the travel switching device to switch the roller from reverse to neutral.

8. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 6, wherein a back end of the inner wire is connected to the travel lever.

9. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 8, wherein a front end of the inner wire is connected to the travel switching device.

10. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 9, wherein the travel switching device includes a lever, and the back end of the inner wire is connected to the lever of the travel switching device.

11. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 6, wherein the outer tube and the inner wire are movable relative to each other.

12. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operation cable is positioned between the travel lever and the travel switching device and coupled to the travel lever and the travel switching device to enable bending of the operation cable.

13. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism coupled to and selectively locking the back end of the outer tube.

14. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the safety switch is arranged to interact with the locking mechanism to enable release of the locking of the back end of the outer tube when the safety switch is activated.

15. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the operation cable includes an inner wire, the outer tube is arranged around the inner wire, and a back end of the inner wire is connected to the travel lever.

16. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 15, wherein a front end of the inner wire is connected to the travel switching device.

17. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the locking mechanism supports the back end of the outer tube.

18. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the locking mechanism includes an oscillating plate having an opening for receiving the outer tube.

19. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a case, wherein the operating portion and the locking mechanism are arranged partly inside the case.

20. (New) The roller as claimed in claim 13, wherein the locking mechanism is situated between the travel lever and the travel switching device.